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1. THE SECOND CAMPAIGN DAY- HINTS OF VIOLENCE:
POLITICAL MEETINGS, BROADCASTS, AND PROPAGANDIZING CONTINUED,
WITH ONLY THE CDS STILL FAILING TO HOLD A PUBLIC
RALLY. SOME REPORTS OF VIOLENCE APPEARED. MRPP AND UEC (UNION
OF COMMUNIST STUDENTS) EXCHANGED RECRIMINATIONS OVER ATTACKS
CARRIED OUT ON EACH OTHER'S OFFICES IN LISBON AREA; ONE OF
COMMUNIST MILITANTS APPARENTLY WAS SAVAGELY BEATEN. MRPP
MEMBER IN GUIMARAES WAS HOSPITALIZED AFTER ATTACK SUFFERED
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DURING DEMONSTRATION. ONE PCP MILITANT WAS HOSPITALIZED IN

AVEIRO, WHERE UNIDENTIFIED "UNRULY" ELEMENTS PREVENTED MEETING FROM TAKING PLACE. MOST VISIBLE INSTANCE OF CAMPAIGN DISORDER OCCURRED IN OPORTO, WHERE UNIDENTIFIED COUNTER-DEMONSTRATORS BLOCKED PPD STREET PROCESSION OF "HUNDREDS" OF CARS, DAMAGING THEM AND PROVOKING FIGHTS WITH THEIR OCCUPANTS.

2. AFM VIEWS ON ELECTIONS:

DURING APRIL 3 PRESS CONFERENCE FOR FOREIGN JOURNALISTS, COMMUNICATION MINISTER JESUINO ANSWERED QUESTION ABOUT VALUE OF ELECTIONS IN TERMS OF "LEARNING SOMETHING ABOUT OURSELVES." JESUINO STATED THAT ELECTIONS ARE SERVING PEDAGOGICAL ROLE, TEACHING PORTUGUESE PEOPLE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING AS A CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY. ALSO, AND IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY POPULATION'S POLITICAL IGNORANCE, ELECTIONS RESULTS WILL GIVE AN IDEA OF PORTUGAL'S POLITICAL SPECTRUM. APART FROM THIS, HOWEVER, AFM IS SERVING AS "VANGUARD OF THE PEOPLE." AFM'S INSTITUTIONALIZATION MEANS THAT MILITARY POWER WILL PLAY ROLE OF FOURTH BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT, JOINED TO CLASSICAL THREE.

3. SA CARNEIRO GOES TO LONDON:

AILING SECRETARY GENERAL OF PPD, DR. SA CARNEIRO, FLEW TO LONDON ON APRIL 3 FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN "THIS WEEK."

4. PARTY ORATORY:

(A) PCP- "WE ARE NOT AFRAID OF ELECTIONS. WE ARE ONLY AFRAID THAT THEY MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY FREE." PCP WILL CONTEST RESULTS IN ANY AREA WHERE ITS CAMPAIGN EFFORTS HAVE BEEN HAMPERED.

(B)MDP-CDE-FORMAL DEMOCRACY IS IMPORTANT. HOWEVER, IN AN ECONOMICALLY UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY LIKE PORTUGAL, FORMALLY RECOGNIZED RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES RUN THE RISK OF BEING DENIED TO A LARGE PART OF THE POPULATION IF NOT ACCOMPANIED BY RADICAL SOCIAL/ ECONOMIC CHANGE.

(C) PS-"OUR REVOLUTION MUST FIND ITS ROOTS IN THE REALITY OF PORTUGAL TODAY--WE ARE NOT TRYING TO MAKE AN ABSTRACT REVOLUTION IN AN IMAGINARY COUNTRY."

(D) PPD-(CAMPAIGNING IN STAUNCHLY CATHOLIC TRAS-OS-MONTES) "WE ARE A NON-MARXIST/LENINIST PARTY PROFESSING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, NOT RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE."

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(E) CDS-NO PUBLIC MEETING HELD. CDS COMMUNIQUE CALLED FOR A GOVERNMENT CAPABLE OF GOVERNING, WITH AUTHORITY, COMPETENCE, AND GENUINE DEMOCRATIC INTENT. IN COALITION WITH PDC, CDS HAS TRIED TO GET ACROSS ITS MESSAGE TO THOSE PORTUGUESE WHO PLACE THEMSELVES WITHIN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL FAMILY.

(F) UDP-UNDER BANNER PROCLAIMING, "EITHER WE CRUSH AND OPPRESS THE BOURGEOISIE OR THE BOURGEOISIE WILL CRUSH AND OPPRESS US," UDP SPEAKERS DAMNED ALL COMPETITORS. PDC, CDS, AND PPD

CHARACTERIZED AS FASCIST PARTIES SUPPORTED BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, THE CIA, AND ITS "LEADING MEMBER" CARLUCCI. PCP IS THE "PARTY OF CUNHAL, TRAITOR TO THE WORKING CLASS." MDP/CDE IS (REFERRING TO PCP) "LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON,"

(G) FEC- WHILE CONDEMNING PPD (NOT AN OPENLY FASCIST PARTY BUT ONE OF THE UPPER BOURGEOISIE), FEC ORATORS RESERVED MOST OF THEIR ATTENTION TO PCP'S ROLE IN SABOTAGING STRIKE EFFORTS BY WORKERS AT CTT, TAP, AND "JORNAL DO COMERCIO" (THREE OF MORE SPECTACULAR LABOR DISPUTES IN RECENT MONTHS), SPEAKERS ALSO RENEWED CALLS FOR EXECUTION OF THOSE IMPLICATED IN MARCH 11 COUP.

(H) -LIC-APPEALED FOR END TO FRATRICIDAL PHYSICAL ATTACKS BY LEFTISTS ON EACH OTHER. TROTSKYITE THEORETICIAN ERNEST MANDEL ARRIVED IN LISBON APRIL 3 TO HELP IN CAMPAIGN.

(I) -MES- "SOCIALISM IN LIBERTY DOES NOT EXIST." A SOCIALIST SOCIETY IS ONE IN TRANSITION TO COMMUNISM, WHICH MEANS DEMOCRACY OF THE MASSES AND WORKERS. "THE REST IS PURE FANTASY."

(J) FSP- "SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IS OF NO INTEREST TO THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE, SINCE SOCIAL DEMOCRACY SUPPORTS THE EXPLOITATION OF THE WORKERS.

5. SHORT COURSE IN SOVIET HISTORY:

SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER "REPUBLICA" HAS WELCOMED FIRST TWO CAMPAIGN DAYS WITH SUCCESSIVE ARTICLES BY LEADERS SOTTOMAYOR CARDIA AND MANUEL ALEGRE (A FORMER MEMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY). LATTER REVIEWED BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION'S SLIDE FROM "DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT" TO "DICTATORSHIP OF THE BUREAUCRACY" TO PERSONAL TYRANNY OF STALIN. MAKING NO COMPARISONS, SOTTOMAYOR CARDIA REVIEWED LENIN'S SHIFTING ATTITUDE TOWARD RUSSIAN CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY: FROM WARNING OF KERENSKY ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK ELECTIONS, TO JUSTIFYING BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION AS HAVING BEEN NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE ASSEMBLY'S CONVOCAION, TO LIMITING ASSEMBLY'S ROLE (ONCE OVERWHELMING SOCIALIST MAJORITY HAD BEEN ELECTED) TO RECOGNIZING POWERS OF SOVIETS, TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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